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Special Notice: We are in need of a New Volunteer Editor for this Newsletter. This is my last month as the newsletter editor. A special thank you to Betty Ann Tyson and Betsy Moyer for their support through the years. It's been a fun and rewarding learning process for which I am grateful for having all your trust during this worthwhile endeavor. I wish you all the spirit and hope of this holiday season to inspire your best pictures yet! I'll be attending meetings and will see you again starting in March 2006. For now, you can reach me via e-mail Apronphoto@yahoo.com. Arrivederci, fotografo!

Please contact Betsy Moyer for Newsletter staff information bmga@aol.com.

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 12th, at Traditions Senior Living Facility, 6 Green Way, off Rt. 126/27 one mile south of route 20 in Wayland, MA. Look for the darkened driveway, Green Way, directly across from Saint Ann's Church building.

Program for January 12th meeting: ***Members' Extended View of Snow***

An extended program of member images will be featured. Everyone can bring up to 5 or 10 images (prints, slides, digital) to be viewed as time allows. Here's an opportunity if you wish to have feedback from other members who especially value capturing the world of nature as they see it.

Come at 6:30 P.M. for refreshments and viewing the club's ongoing exhibit at Traditions. Anyone able to bring prints for hanging, please contact Wayne Hall (978-443-9226) or Betsy Moyer (508-358-2939), or simply bring them to the meeting.

Recap of December 8th General Meeting

- Thanks for this month's meeting refreshments go to Wayne Hall and Doreen O'Connor.
- Thanks to all those people whose digital images, slides, and prints were shown.
- Volunteers for January meeting refreshments: for munchies, Betsy Moyer; for drinks and another volunteer.

Presentation: Paul Green's Plant Book: An Alphabet of Flowers & Folklore

Presented by Betsy Moyer and Doreen O'Connor

Betsy Moyer has worked on this labor of love for nearly four years to produce a newly published, beautifully illustrated, sampling of flowers, plants, and folklore: *Paul Green's Plant Book: An Alphabet of Flowers & Folklore* (Published by North Carolina Botanical Garden, 2005) based on a posthumously published wordbook by her dad; a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and Dramatist Laureate of the State of North Carolina; *Paul Green's Word Book: An Alphabet of Reminiscence* (Appalachian Consortium Press, 1990).

A slide presentation illustrated the following plants, with accompanying dramatized folklore of the Cape Fear Valley, North Carolina, area, directly quoted from the original book by Paul Green. Purposefully chosen, these plants grow wild in Massachusetts as well.

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| 1. Adder's tongue | 14. Pitcher Plant |
| 2. Alumroot | 15. Poison Ivy |
| 3. Aster | 16. Pokeweed |
| 4. Bloodroot | 17. Sassafras |
| 5. Broom Sage | 18. Spring Beauty |
| 6. Creeping Charlie | 19. Spring Green and Gold |
| 7. Dogwood | 20. Swamp Dogwood |
| 8. Heal All | 21. Trailing Arbutus |
| 9. Henbit | 22. Violet |
| 10. Lyre-leaved Sage | 23. Wake-Robin |
| 11. May Apple | 24. Wild Ginger |
| 12. Mountain Laurel | 25. Yucca |
| 13. Pickerelweed | |



May Apple, Doreen O'Connor

Betsy's book; *Paul Green's Plant Book: An Alphabet of Flower & Folklore*, is sold in both hardcover and softcover. It is widely available in bookstores and sold locally as well:

The Wayland Depot, Russell's Garden Center, the gift shop at Garden in the Woods, the Wellesley Booksmith, Dragon Books of Weston, New England Mobile Bookfair.

Now available on the SVN Website – “Out of the Box”

Wayne Hall – SVN Webmaster

Our special group website exhibit, entitled “Out of the Box,” is active on our website at <http://svn.homestead.com>. Fourteen SVN members are participating:

Stan Klein

Tom Arnold

Marijke Holtrop

Paul Smith

Linda Crews

Charlie Lowell

Betsy Moyer

Amitava Gangulee

Sue Abrahamsen

Susan Majors

Wayne Hall

Betty Ann Tyson

Michael Goodman

Chris Rowan

A message from Wayne Hall about the Web Site Exhibit

Your Exhibitions Committee is pleased to announce that our special website exhibit, "Out of the Box", is now on the air. On display are 27 very creative images by 14 of our members. You can access the exhibit from our home page at <http://svnp.homestead.com>, or go directly to the "Out of the Box" main page at http://svnp.homestead.com/outofthebox_home.html.

Please note that one nonessential feature (the "info" button adjacent to most of the images) does not work with some, or perhaps all, versions of the Netscape browser. It works as intended with Microsoft's Internet Explorer. It also may or may not work with other browsers such as Mozilla, which I don't have available for testing.

The works on display represent a wide variety of subject matter and creative photographic techniques, and are a good mix of original digital images as well as scanned slides and negatives. It will remain on the site for at least three months.

Thanks to all the participants for submitting some outstanding material!

Enjoy the show, and have a joyous and safe holiday season!

Wayne

Photoshoppers Meetings

Photoshoppers will meet in the Raytheon Room of the Wayland Public Library 7 – 8:45 on the following evenings.

December 22
January 19, 2006
February 16
March 16

April 20
May 18
June 15

All are welcome. Some familiarity with computer manipulation of photographic images is recommended.

SVNP Exhibit Calendar

Individual Member Exhibits

Please notify Wayne Hall (wah@waynehallphotography.com) of your upcoming individual exhibits for posting on the SVNP website.

| <u><i>Date</i></u> | <u><i>Member</i></u> | <u><i>Exhibit Location</i></u> |
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| December | Charles Lowell | Emerson Hospital, Concord, MA |
| December | Marijke Holtrop | Wayland Library foyer, Wayland, MA “Winter Around Wayland” |
| January | George Brawerman | Raytheon Room, Wayland Library |
| Ongoing | Betsy Moyer | Lincoln Physicians, Route 126, Lincoln, MA |

SVNP Group Exhibits

| <u><i>Date</i></u> | <u><i>Exhibit Location</i></u> |
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| Ongoing | Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA: joint rotating exhibit with Arts/Wayland. For information about hanging a print, call Wayne Hall (978-443-9226) or Betsy Moyer (508-358-2939). |

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| February-March | Wayland Town Building “The Beauty of Winter” |
| September-October | Raytheon Room, Wayland Library |
| November-December | Gallery at the Wayside Inn |

A note from George Brawerman about his January exhibit:

Dear Friends,

This is to let you know that there will be an exhibit of my recent work, called “Photo Impressions”, in January 2006 in the Raytheon Room of the Wayland Library.

In addition to conventional scenes, some of the work will deal with semi impressionistic nature images where shape and color takes precedence over subject matter. Two pieces by Ruth will be included. We will have a reception on Sunday January 8, from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. We hope that you can come.

George

Items of Interest

Hunt's Photo in Melrose, has special sales on cameras, printers, inks, and film. Rather than run down the whole list, give Gary a call at 1-800-221-1830, extension 2332.

Repeat: There is still time to experience one hundred twenty prints, the photographs of **Arno Rafael Minkkinen**, 1970–2005. An informative video, and the work of this Finnish photographer living in Andover, can be seen at the **DeCordova Museum** in Lincoln, through January 8: Please call the museum at 781-259-8355 or visit their web-site at www.decordova.org for directions, more details, or museum hours.

About the Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers

The Sudbury Valley Nature Photography group was formed in October 1995 by enthusiasts from the local area wishing to share informally their interest in and knowledge of photography. An encouraging rather than competitive environment prevails within the group, which includes over one hundred professional, amateur, and beginning photographers.

Although our major interest lies in nature photography, activities of the SVNPN group are not confined to nature photography. Programs and activities include a range of subject matter and techniques of interest to all photographers.

SVNPN has no formal structure: there are no officers, no competitions, and no dues. Activities are financed through voluntary contributions to the "Paper Plate Fund."

A monthly newsletter disseminates information via e-mail to members and anyone interested in SVNPN. Those who prefer to receive newsletters by U.S. mail should send 12 self-addressed, stamped envelopes to Chris Ridout, 10 Sherman Bridge Road, Wayland, MA 01778.

SVNPN meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, at Traditions, on Route 27, one mile south of Wayland Center, beginning at 6:30 P.M. with refreshments, and include instructional talks, slide presentations, and discussions of slides, digital images, and prints shown by members. The meetings end around 9:30 P.M. Anyone with an interest in photography is invited to attend.

Occasional field trips are arranged to locations as close as Concord's Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge and as far-flung as Utah's Arches National Park and Great Smokies National Park in Tennessee.

Please visit our website at <http://svnp.homestead.com>

Send suggestions and announcements for the newsletter to ([Betsy Moyer \(bmga@aol.com\)](mailto:Betsy Moyer (bmga@aol.com))).

A very hearty and final Thank You to Betsy Moyer for distributing and Betty Ann Tyson for skillful assistance in editing of this Newsletter being put to bed for the final time by Doreen O'Connor.